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Hill allowance

* 14 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Gudalur taluk in Nilgiris district has been included in the list of hill stations; and

(*b*) whether teachers in Local Board and aided institutions in that taluk have been given hill allowance?

THE HON. SR. M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *and* (*b*) Yes, Sir.

3-10 p.m. SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the exact date from which this hill allowance is paid to them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is from 30th July 1960 and that is for aided elementary school teachers, and concessions to local body employees including teachers were given effect to from the 1st April 1960.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, was there any gap when they were not paid this allowance while the Government servants in the locality were paid the allowance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, orders were issued regarding the aided elementary schools from 30th July 1960. Regarding others, orders were issued from 1st April 1960. This is the information I have.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the amount of allowance that is being given?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is the usual hill allowance, Sir.

* 15 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the teachers in middle schools and high schools under Valparai Panchayat are given any hill allowances; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) *and* (*b*) The matter is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the elementary school teachers in the same panchayat are paid fifty per cent extra on their salary, while the teachers in the middle schools and high schools in the same panchayat are denied this?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The elementary school teachers are already getting this allowance. The high school teachers are not given this allowance. A proposal to extend this concession to the high school teachers is under the consideration of the Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, is it a fact that the panchayat has passed a resolution expressing its willingness and also the availability of funds to grant this allowance?